

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-11 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, to replace the words "characterized in that" with wording more consistent with U.S. practice, and to remove the reference numerals. Claims 12-16 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

Also by way of this Preliminary Amendment, an Abstract is provided.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the Abstract, the amended claims and the new claims.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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